

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Request for Review of a Decision of the)	Administrator Correspondence Dated
Universal Service Administration Corp. for)	July 20, 2018
Pulaski County Schools, Virginia)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Support Mechanism)	

Request for Review or Waiver

In accordance with sections 54.719 through 54.721 of the Commission's rules, Pulaski County Schools, Pulaski, VA (Pulaski) requests Federal Communications Commission (Commission) review of a decision of the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator). Consistent with precedent, Pulaski asks the Commission to overturn this decision and restore badly needed funding to Pulaski.¹

Form 471 Application Number: 171041390

FRN: 1799094105

Billed Entity Number: 126605

FCC Registration Number: 0013816277

Pulaski County Schools, located in rural central Virginia, serves a community struggling with high unemployment and severely limited resources. Pulaski's geographic isolation makes broadband connectivity more costly than urban areas but also more critical to the community, as there are very few alternative sources of public Internet in the county.

¹ Acorn Public Library, DA 08-2376, Rel. October 30, 2008; Bishop Perry, FCC 06-54, Rel. May 19,2006; Academy of Academic Excellence, DA 07-1180, Rel. March 9,2007; Greenfield Public School District, DA 06-487, Rel. February 28, 2006 (Deployment). CC Docket 02-6.

Pulaski applied for E-Rate discounted funding for telecommunications service and Internet access for funding year 2017. Pulaski was denied funding for the above captioned FRN because of a clerical error with the application resulting in the appearance of a 28 day bidding violation. Before Pulaski had an opportunity to appeal the decision, the E-Rate coordinator became ill and died on February 2, 2018.² The E-Rate coordinator also served as Technology coordinator for the school division and the department was thrown into turmoil at the sudden loss of a key employee. Pulaski appealed the decision as soon as it was aware of the funding denial.

The Commission has held that special circumstances warrant waiver of filing and appeal deadlines. Established precedent for waiver include: the death of the E-Rate coordinator, the military deployment of the E-Rate coordinator, illness of the E-Rate coordinator or immediate family, and natural disaster.³

We ask the Commission to remand this application to the Administrator for review on its merits and waive the 60 day appeal deadline due to special circumstances in the death of Pulaski's E-Rate coordinator.

Respectfully Submitted,

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² Death Notice: <https://grubbfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/228/Dianne-Dripps/obituary.html>

³ Acorn Public Library, DA 08-2376, Rel. October 30, 2008; Bishop Perry, FCC 06-54, Rel. May 19, 2006; Academy of Academic Excellence, DA 07-1180, Rel. March 9, 2007; Greenfield Public School District, DA 06-487, Rel. February 28, 2006 (Deployment).